1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	State and Private Sector					
1	Bhawani Barrage II and III	TNEB	60	HYDRO	60	2009-11
2	Valuthur Ext	TNEB	92	GAS/LNG	92.2	2007-08
3	North Chennai Ext.	TNEB	600	COAL	600	2011-12
4	Metiur Ext	TNEB	500	COAL	500	2011-12
	SUB-TOTAL (TN)-State Sector				1252.2	
	TOTAL (Tamil Nadu)				*6252.2*	
	KERALA					
1	Kutiyadi Ext.	KSEB	100	HYDRO	100	2008-09
2	Pallivasal	KSEB	60	HYDRO	60	2010-11
	TOTAL (Kerala)				160	
	TOTAL (Southern Region)				14920	

T and D losses

1799. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses have been rising alarmingly;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce some new technology to minimize the Transmission and Distribution losses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The draft report on Performance of State Power Utilities for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 prepared by the Power Finance Corporation indicates that the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses [which includes Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses also] of the State Power Utilities at the national level for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 were 34.33%, 34.54% and 32.07% respectively of the total energy available for sale. There has been an arrest in the increase of AT&C losses in the country. The reasons for losses include technical reasons such as overloading of existing lines and substation equipment, old and outdated network, low HT: LT ratio, poor repair and maintenance of equipment, non installation of sufficient capacitors, substandard, inefficient and poor quality distribution equipment, poor power factor of consumer end devices etc. as also commercial reasons such as defective meters, theft and pilferage, tampering of meters, low accountability of employees, poor metering efficiency, poor billing efficiency, non realization of dues etc.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to introduce a restructure Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) in the Eleventh Five Year Plan with focus on establishing baseline data of AT&C loss and IT enabled automated energy accounting systems, IT

enabled consumer service centres, and on projects for improvement of distribution networks.

Chairperson of CERC

1800. SHRI EKANATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission's (CERC) office has been functioning without a Chairperson for almost a year now;

(b) whether it is fact that this is at a time when the country is in the midst of its most ambitious power project addition programme, 78,000 Megawatt by 2012, and requires investments over $100 billion in the sector; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to appoint Chairpersons of CERC?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) The post of Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) fell vacant on 24.03.2007. The Electricity Act, 2003 provides that the Chairperson and Members of CERC shall be appointed by the Central Government on the recommendations of the Selection Committee as stipulated in the Act.

Accordingly, a reference was made to the Selection Committee under the provisions of the Act for giving its recommendation for appointment to the above post. The recommendation of the Selection Committee was examined and the prosposal for appointment to the post has been submitted for orders of the Competent Authority.

Issues relating to power sector

1801. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in a meeting held recently under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to discuss the issues relating to power sector it was agreed unanimously, that the unduly long time for environmental clearance would trip Government's efforts to quickly ramp up generation capacity through ultra Mega Power Projects;

(b) what are the other main points discussed in the meeting and to what extent these steps would help in removing all the hurdles in the way of implementing the power projects; and

(c) what concrete measures Government has taken to see that all power projects are completed within the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SHSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Power Sector related issues were reviewed in a meeting chaired by the Prime Minister. In this meeting held on 18.1.2008, *inter alia*, issues related to expeditious environment clearance in respect of Ultra Mega Power Projects, significantly reducing the time-frame for grant of environment/forest clearance for power and mining projects meant for power